BALLOONS IN WAR SUMMARY OF THE BEE CORN AND WHEAT SOARING

Effect of Artillery Fire on Gas Bag Subject of Experiment.

TEST TO BE MADE AT FORT OMAHA Action Awaits Completion of New

Balloon Park. WIDE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

Mr. Strobel Says Dirigibles Would Be Useless in Attack.

USE FOR OBSERVATION PURPOSES

Several Aeronauts Discuss Comparative Merits of Aeroplanes and Balloons as Military Adjuncts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Just as physicians differ as to the best remedy for an incurable disease, so the leading aeronauts differ as to the measure of success that has been attained in aerial flight in its application to war purposes. At Fort Myer yester-day while the motor of Captain Baldwin's military dirigible was being tested a discussion among several aeronauts indicated the difference of opinion existing on this

Charles J. Strobel, like Captain Baldwin, believes in the future success of the aeroplane. Mr. Strobel, who is one of the largest manufacturers of balloons and dirigibles, was at Fort Myer yesterday to see Captain Baldwin in regard to certain plans which the two aeronauts are considering for next year.

Balloon Uncless in Attack. The dirigible balloon, even of 1,000,000 cubic feet gas capacity," said Mr. Strobel, will never be of any use in attacking an enemy. If 1,000 pounds of explosive were to be dropped from such an airship the sudden release of so much weight would send the balloon sloft into the clouds so rapidly that those pfloting would be suffocated before gas could be allowed to escape in order to compensate for the great difference in weight. Even though some arrangement now unknown should be devised by means of which sufficient gas could be released and sufficient air pumped into the balloonst to compensate for the sudden loss of weight there would still be the danger of losing too much gas, resulting in the airship falling among the

Captain Charles S. Wallace of the chief signal officers' office, differs somewhat with Mr. Strobel. Like his fellow officers of the signal corps, he is not as sanguine of the success of the aeroplane, nor does he believe that the dirigible balloon is worthless for use in warfare.

Wallace Defends Derigible. "While it is true," said Captain Wallace, "that the dirigible in its present state of development would be of little value in attacking a fort, it would have great ad- sible for grain growers to move crops from an airahip. The purpose of a dirigible such as Count Zeppelin's is therefore to fight before Interstate Commerce comgather information concerning the enemy's | mission to prevent advance in freight

position. "In the car of a balloon such as this sevmen would have an opportunity to take photographs, make sketches and take notes of the country surrounding the enemy's position and of the conditions existing within the enemy's lines. There are many experiments yet to be made which will determine better the value of balloons in warfare; for instance, shooting at them with artillery, the extent to which wireless telegraphy can be used for communication and by shooting from them with rilles It is not at all unlikely that experiments of this kind will be carried on at the signal corps station, Fort Omaha, Neb., when the new balloon park is completed, probably late in the fall. The signal corps has several old balloons which could be used to advantage for this purpose."

Both Kinds to Be Tested. General James Allen, chief signal office: has frequently expressed himself in a simi "We are ready to make such tests whenever the artillery corps is read; to shoot at the balloon," he said.

Captain Baldwin believes that both the dirigible and the aeroplane will meet with MAE WOOD TRIAL IS BEGUN equal success and be of equal value in of 1,0,000 cubic feet of gas and the aero plane, which can carry sixty men in the air, are the future aerial warships as pictured by this veteran aeronaut.

be dropped into the enemy's midst.

NEGROES AND SAILORS CLASH fere to Check Several Hundred

Angry Seamen.

States sailors in Berkley and South Nor- Miss Wood. folk last night and but for the timely arrival of the civil authorities, who took is based on a marriage certificate attestdistance away, had been taking corn from the farm land of the negroes. One of the them off. The seamen then drove the negroes with their families into the house on the place, and many shots, it is said, were fired into this. The police called upon the naval authorities for aid and the groes who were being attacked were finally gotten into Berkley ward police station. Several hundred sailors assembled and the by the German navy league in its August police, hearing threats of lynching, has leaflet. tened the negroes in a special car from remain. The sallors assembled around the Berkley police station, openly threatened the police and the navy authorities again

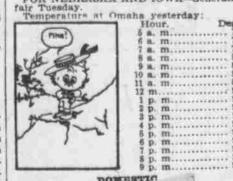
Isted men back to their station. Ninety-Mile Ride for Officers CHICAGO. Aug. I.—Officers of Port Shoridan above the rank of captain left he army post this morning for one of the strentious tests ordered by President Rocevelt. The program calls for a ninety-nile ride which, it is expected, will be completed by Wednesday afternoon.

had to send ald to disperse and run the en-

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FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND ICINITY—Fair Tuesday.
FOR NEBRASKA AND IOWA—Generally fair Tuesday. Temperature at Omaha yesterday:



DOMESTIC Bull weather corn up 3 ce the Board of Oklahoma when cornere Kentucky y and her comi War departs xperiments at Fort artillery on wa Reported that ning new move rack 76%c. gamblers.

Negroes and st at Norfolk with stealing corn. Loss of life by forest fires in British Columbia is placed at 200. Several thouexists. Eighteen persons were injured in wreck of Golden State Limited near Benson,

FOREIGN. General strike scheduled to take place in Paris falled to materialise, only typesetters going out. Page 1 POLITICAL. Chairman Mack confers with Boss Mur-

phy of Tammany Hall as to New York situation. Page 1 NEBRASKA.

Secretary of State Junkin holds domo crats when endorsed by populist state

convention may go on both ballots, Page 2 LOCAL. Prey of loan sharks for seven years, young Harry Jones, who has paid \$200 because he borrowed \$10, secures mandatory injunction compelling the sharks to withdraw an assignment of wages filed at Union Pacific headquarters. Page 10 parts of the state. Local showers occurred Bankers and railroads will make it pos-

will assist Texas business interests in rates which will become effective Au-Page 10

SPORT. Scores of the base ball games: Western League-

5—Sioux City vs. Omahs—4 4—Des Moines vs. Lincoln— National League—

6—New York vs. Cincinnati—0.

2—Brooklyn vs. St. Louis—0.

5—Chicago vs. Philadelphis—1.

7—Pittsburg vs. Boston—4.

American League— 2—Cleveland vs. New York—0.

American Association—

19—Toledo vs. St. Paul—3.

10—Minneapolis vs. Columbus—5

2—Milwaukee vs. Indianapolis—

3—Kansas City vs. Louisville—

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warfare. The dirigible having a capacity Charge of Perjury as Outcome of Platt Divorce Case Before Court.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 .- The trial of Mac It remained, however, for Glen H. Cur- C. Wood, the Omaha woman who is tiss, the youngest of all the aeronauts pres- charged with forgery and perjury, alleged to suggest a new idea as to the value to have been committed in her sult ofor of the dirigible in warfare. "There is no divorce from United States Senstor question but that a dirigible releasing 1,000 Thomas C. Platt, to whom she alleged she pounds of explosives would shoot into space was married in 1901, was scheduled to belike an arrow, but why not combine its gin in the court of general sessions today. uses for reconnaissance and offensive oper- Miss Wood's suit against Senator Platt ations by having the dirigible tow a balloon was dismissed by Judge O'Gorman, who carrying the 1,000 pounds of explosives? heard the case and who then ordered Miss This balloon, by controlling the valve, could Wood's arrest. She has since been in jail for several months, being unable to secure bail.

She is charged with forgery in procuring the signature of Senator Platt and affixing Civil Authorities of Norfolk Inter- it to a letter in which the senator purported to acknowldge her as his wife. The senator declared that he did not write the letter and produced a woman witness NOTFOLK, Va., Aug. 3.-There was a who said she had secured the senator's serious clash between negroes and United signature to a blank and she gave it to

The charge of perjury against Miss Wood charge of three negroes with whom the ing to her alleged marriage to the sentrouble originated and gave them police ator, which she declared was made out and protection, there might have been loss of signed on the day of her alleged marriage. It is said that the sailors from the The printer of the blank form of the cer-St. Helena navas training station, a short tiffcate testified that the form had not been printed at that time.

negroes fired upon the sallors to frighten JAP NAVY TO THIRD PLACE Additions to Fleet Will Raise Po sition Among World Powers,

Says German League.

Berlin, Aug. 3 .- The Japanese navy will take third place in the navies formed in 1911, according to the tabulation made

"Notwithstanding the assertions Berkley across the river to the central po- Japan's bad financial position," the article lice station in this city, where they still says, "the so-called program of 1907 appears to provide for considerably more constitue tions than has been reported. From a fully well informed quarter it is affirmed that Japan, besides building the three acceptance of William J. Bryan will be a and his party arrived here today on board battleships, Aki "A" and "B" and the short one. He stated today that by the imperial yacht Hohenzollern on a four armored cruisers, Kurama, Ibuki and actual count it contained 5,300 words, short visit to King Gustav. A fleet "E" and "F" has appropriated money for While the issues of the campaign will be Swedish warships met the imperial yacht four additional battleships, each of 28,000 discussed, it is understood they will not at sea and later the king and queen of heart. Miss Eva Siester, and Link James, tons and for five armored cruisers of 18,500 be gone into at any great length, his views Sweden welcomed the imperial party a young butcher, driving near Metropolis, tons. Through these increases Japan will being reserved for more elaborate treataboard the Swedish royal yacht. A state Ill., late last night, crased with jealousy,
push forward in 1980-Il to third place in ment in the several speeches he intends to dinner in the emperor's honor will be given Kelley killed James, shot the girt in the the world's naws

Bull Weather Reports Cause Excitement on Board of Trade.

DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA HIT

May Wheat Goes Above Dollar Mark and Corn Takes Flight of Three Cents on Heat and Rust Stories.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Scorching hot weather throughout the corn belt and the Dakotas and Minnesota threw the Board of Trade into wild excitement today and sent the price of wheat and corn soaring skyward. The former grain advanced 3 cents a bushel and the latter showed almost an equally sharp bulge in price. Bullish sentiment in wheat, which has been developing recently as the result of black rust reports from the northwest, broke out with intensa vigor today upon the receipt of a dispatch from Minneapolis which claimed that the black rust is worse than in 1904 and that the crop is simply burning up with the heat. The advance in corn was helped along by a dispatch which stated that the corn in central lilinois has begun to "fire" owing o excessively high temperatures.

Extreme bullishness marked the trade at the opening and initial quotations on wheat and corn showed wide fluctuations, prices heat and ranging from a trifle below Saturday's closing figures to nearly 2 cents above. After a little reaction owing to profit-taking prices again started upward until the Page 1 gain in wheat had almost reached 3 cents in the new crop months-the deliveries athim-rage 1 May option sold at \$1.01%. December at the same time touched 974c and September 94%c. Corn for May delivery mounted to age 1 65%c and December to 65%c, a gain of 2%c plan- in each case. September corn sold up to

Oats were bullishly affected by the sudden rise in the price of wheat and corn, when negroes fired on seamen charged but the advance in that grain was less Page 1 | marked.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.-The largest public buying movement which has taken place sands are homeless and great suffering in the local wheat market this season oc-Page 1 curred today and the price jumped 3%c per bushel under heavy buying orders, in which the shorts participated in a frail Page 1 effort to cover their contracts. The buying movement was started by some advices. concerning the condition of the crop in the

> MORE SUN THAN IS NEEDED Weather Report Shows, Rainfall Be-

> low Normal Everywhere. LINCOLN, Aug. 3.-(Special).-The week was warm and dry, with an excess of sun-

> The mean temperature for the week was between 74 degrees and 78 degrees, which is an average of about 2 degrees above the normal. The maximum temperature ex-ceeded 50 degrees very generally, except on Thursday and Friday, when it was i

to 10 degrees lower. The rainfall was below normal in all Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, but the rainfall was generally less than a quarter date is above normalu in nearly all countles, but in a few northern and western

counties there is a slight deficiency.

Drouth Likely to Do Severe Injury to Crops in West.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., Aug. 3.-(Special Telegram).-Yesterday was the worst day of the year. The heat was terrific and a hot wind from the southwest prevailed putting the finish to the corn crop. While the east and west have had floods, this section has been overlooked and the drought is appalling, even to the old timers. to the ground with most of its contents. Loss \$1,500, insured.

A Union revival meeting was being held in the large tent at the time and when to the fire and helped in the rescue of household furniture.

Golden State Limited Strikes Broken Rail Forty Miles East of Benson, Aris.

TUSCON, Ariz., Aug. 3 .- The Golden State limited, the fast trans-continental, all-Pullman train of the Rock Island railroad, westbound from Chicago to Los Angeles, struck a broken rall while running at full speed at Hado station, forty miles east of Benson, early today, and the two reat Pullman coaches were ditched, injuring eighteen passengers. It is considered marvelous that none were killed.

J. C. Ayer, capitalist of Kansas City, is the most seriously injured. He sustained cal. Others injured are:

Mrs. Gertrude W. Earle of Los Angele and two daughters, aged 6 and 12. C. L. V. Hedrick, Kansas City.
W. A. Raagan, Big Springs, Texas.
m Reagan, son of Mrs. Reagan.
W. F. Meade, Oakland, Cal.
Newcomb, Sliver City, N. M.
Paul, Duluth, Minn.

Martines De Castro, Sinaloa, Mex S. Caiton, Chicago, Pullman conductor. Chrique S. Amada, City of Mexico. B. Seivedge, Kansas City. Fred W. Freeman, El Paso. C. Lennon, train conductor, El Paso.

Practically all of the injured suffered from cuts and bruises, some of them severely. All of them were taken to St. Mary's hospital in Tucson.

The accident occured on a straight stretch of track. The train consisting of eight coaches passed safely over the broken rail. until the diner struck it. The rear trucks of the diner left the rails and the two coaches turned over on their sides and the passengers were in their berths at the time and were thrown violently about the cars. Nearly every person in the overturned coaches suffered some injury.

BRYAN'S SPEECH TO BE SHORT Issues of Campaign to Be Discussed

Briefly Notification Day. FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 2. Contrary to expectations, the speech of

NO RETREAT



THE SENTINEL STANDS FIRMLY IN DEFENSE OF HIS FLAG.

From the Baltimore American.

Some Newspapers Fail to Appear, but Other Lines Not Affected.

HEAT SEVERE IN FURNAS COUNTY WORKMEN REFUSE TO QUIT JOBS accident yesterday with several members

Infantry and Troopers Massed at Points Where Trouble Was Expected Find Nothing to Do.

PARIS, Aug. 3.-So far as could be learned during the early hours today the twenty-four hours' general strike in Paris Taylor escaped the overturn and was un-Under these conditions there were fires which was called by the General Federaand accidents. The dwelling of N. Milli- tion of Labor as a protest against the killgan was discovered on fire at 11:30 when ing of strikers at Vigneux last week was three being in the water five minutes and the family was at church. It was burned not as extensive as the leaders had planned. No violence so far has been reported. The infantry and troopers, which were massed in the central points of the city, found nothing to do, as everything was orderly. the slarm was given the audience was The employes in many of the trades called dismissed and ministers and laymen rushed out absolutely refused to join the movement, the principal success of which was found in the tieing up of the newspapers, such journals as the Gil Blas, the Siecle. EIGHTEEN INJURED IN WRECK the radical Petit Republique and the Libre Parole failing to appear.

It was declared this morning that the strikers were centering their efforts on the newspapers and electricians, thereby hoping to incommode the public. The bakers and gas men reported for work as usual this morning. The underground railway trains are running on time and the life of the city is apparently normal.

Later in the day more complete reports indicated that the strike, except in the case of the typesetters, was practically a complete fallure. Ever the laborers who were largely responsible for the Vigneux riot, reported for work. All the afternoon newspapers today announce that they will appear as usual.

internal injuries and his condition is criti- OFFICIAL BOUNCER TO KAISER Dr. Von Lucanus, Whose Blue Envelope Meant Dismissal, is

Dend.

BERLIN, Aug. 3 .- Dr. Friederick K. H. von Lucanus, chief of Emperor William's so-called civil cabinet, died there today. His death removes from the imperial court a quiet figure of large influence in advising his majesty concerning the character and abilities of officials in the civil administration. His observations covered all of the higher personnel and he estimated and assessed the values of individuals for public service. He was reputed to be a man of extraordinary judgment. He was the head of no group seeking influence at court, but, on the contrary, held a place apart from politics and society. It was the office of Dr. von Lucanus to inform ministers and other high personages when the emperor desired to eliminate them from were dragged for some distance. All of office, which he usually did by handing over a note inclosed in a blue envelope, so that the doctor and his blue envelope were the subject for many a grim witticism.

EMPEROR VISITS KING OSCAR Imperial Yacht Met by Fleet of Warships at Sen-State

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 8.-Emperor William tonighe

Overturn

JEFFERSON, Ia., Aug. 3.—Druggist C. W Paylor was almost killed in au automobile of his family and his sister, Mrs. Tyler of Chicago. The party left here in the morning to go to Fort Dodge in Taylor's new touring car. Twelve miles north while crossing a high grade over a large pond s tire blew up just as the steering wheel plunged into a deep hole. The machine toppled into the water and turned turtle, pinning Mr. Taylor, his sister and five children underneath the machine. Mrs. injured. Mr. Taylor was pressed deep into braided fatigue suits for the official jacket the mud as were also two children, the of the king.

were unconscious when rescued. prisoners. It was several hours before one of the

children and Mr. Taylor were resuscitated. uninjured.

lington Transfer Warehouse at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3 .- Fire starting from the Burlington dock transfer warehouse at Canal and Sixteenth streets this afternoon destroyed the warehouse, 160 box cars, and elevators "E" and "F" owned by the Burlington company. There was over 500,000 bushels of grain owned by Armour & Co., in the elevators.

One hundred and fifty men were at work in the warehouse when the explosion occurred. They fled without waiting to secure garments which they had removed because of the heat. The initial explosion was followed by about twenty others as barrel after barrel was reached by the flames. The buildings for blocks around were shaken and their occupants startled. One hundred men were at work in the elevators. They fled at the sound of the first explosion and all concerned are believed to have escuped. At 2:10 o'clock, with the fire under control,

the loss was estimated at \$1,500,000.

American Archbishop Received with Marked Distinction by Pope Pius.

ROME, Aug. 3 .- Archbishop Farley of New York visited the Vatican today and was received by Pope Pius with marked distinction. The archbishop presented the jubilee greeting and offering of the New York archdiocese and gave a satisfactory report of conditions there. The pope thanked the archbishop for the offering of Peter's Pence and sent the apostolic benediction to the clergy and laity of New York. Arch- for president of the United States. bishop Farley then introduced his suit omprising the secretary, the Rev. James V Lewis and the assistant secretary.

CRAZED LOVER SHOOTS THREE Kentucky Youth Wounds Sweet heart. Kills Companion and Blows

Out Own Brains. PADUCAH, Ky., Aug. 3 .- When Jim Kelley, a 19-year-old youth, met his sweetabdomen and blow out his own brains.

Nebraska Executive and Staff Bow Before Samson.

KNIGHTS SHOW THEM HONORS

Large Company Visits Omaha to Become initiated Into Ak-Sar-Ben-Banquet Before Ceremony.

Governor George L. Sheldon now wears the armor of a knight of Ak-Sar-Ben, and all of his colonels have changed their

The governor and his staff were the guests at the Gen last evening, arriving Fortunately help was near and three men from Lincoln, accompanied by fifty friends raised the machine and dragged out the for the occasion. The train bringing the governor to Omaha was a few minutes late, but did not seriously interfere with ing embers of their homes and offices, with the banquet prepared for the governor and the great forest fire still roaring in the They were brought home in a very serious his colonels by the Omaha members of the distance, the plucky men of Fernie, B. C., condition. The machine was found to be staff at the Hotel Loyal, nor the ceremonies are clearing away the ruins, pitching tents, at the den of the glorious king.

Colonel H. J. Penfold was toasimaster MILLION AND HALF BURNED at the brilliant Hotel Loyal banquet. To the right of the toastmaster was Governor Explosion of Chemicals Destroys Bur- Sheldon and Adjutant General Charles Schwarz, to the left Colonel T. W. Mc- evidence before the sun sets today. Cullough and General John C. Cowin.

When the governor and his staff entered the den there was a tremendous ovation explosion of a barrel of chemicals in the and happiness reigned supreme about the throne. But it was darkened by a sad in others three niles. Nothing can stop it, event. king's slide. It seems every sliver cloud may be days or weeks. sprinkles askes on the slide of the Sultan to escape. Fifteen box cars loaded with Morocco.

Carl Herring was grand muftl. Appeals Michel to Coleman, Blairmere and other tiable tin and secure Sine's release were cock feather.

were the principal speakers during the probably will escape unless a stronger wind evening. Dinner to Executive and Staff.

Governor Sheldon and party were met at the Burlington depot at 6 o'clock by a committee of the Board of Governors and escorted to the Hotel Loyal, where dinner was served at 6:30 by the local contingent ceremonial program was carried out. A committee of Lincoln citizens accom-

panied the party to extend a formal in-

vitation to the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben to visit Lincoln during the state fair. A special day will be set apart during the fair to be known as Omaha day. Arrangements are also in progress for securing a special car for the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben to visit Lincoln on August 11

on the occasion of the formal notification of Sir Knight William Jennings Bryan of his nomination as the democratic candidate SCORE ENTOMBED IN

Explosion of Gas at Mahanoy City, Pa., Imperits Twenty Workmen.

MAHANOY CITY, Pa., Aug. 3.-Twenty nen were entombed today at the Knicker men, badly injured, have been taken from the mine, but the others are believed to be in tht gangway, which is closed and filled with deadly afterdamp. Boores of workmen are braving peril to reach the entombed men.

DEATH LIST GROWS

Victims of Fernie Forest Fires Number Two Hundred.

WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED

Estimate From Winifred Places Total at Four Hundred.

SEVERAL TOWNS ARE DESTROYED

Property Loss is Placed at About Ten Million Dollars.

AID IS IMPERATIVELY NEEDED

Great Suffering Exists Among Thousands Driven From Homes-Special Trains Enroute With Supplies.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 3.-This city awoke to a full sense of the completeness of the destruction around Fernie today. According to a competent authority, the loss will exceed \$10,000,000 and the death list total will never be known. It is now believed that at least 200 have perished.

Vancouver wired \$5,000 for relief yesterday and a train load of supplies went out today. Winnipeg has dispatched a special train with nurses, doctors, hospital stores and provisions.

Loggers to the number of eighty in the camps of the Elk Lumber company have perished in the flames, and several settiers, with their families, who lived on the line of the railroad between Fernie and Michel, have disappeared. The deach total will probably grow larger, and a specia dispatch from Winnipeg states that it will

reach 400. When the flames were consuming Fernie, all the prisoners, with the exception of five Black Hand suspects, were released. Later they were recaptured and sent to Nelson. Crowds of refugees have also arrived at Nelson, the overflow from Cranbrook These are being cared for as much as possible, but their condition is pitiable. In their flight they brought nothing away but the clothes they had on.

A telegram from Editor Simpson of the Cranbrook Herald sums up the situation as follows: "All help needed quickly or worse will

No list of the dead has yet been received n Vancouver.

Thousands Fice for Lives. CRANBROOK, B. C., Aug. 3 .- The most destructive conflagration in the history of Canada is sweeping the Elk river valle", leaving in its path death, destitution and suffering. Already more than 100 lives have been lost, hundreds of persons have been injured and thousands homeless and destitute have been forced to fice for their lives before the relentlessly onrushing fire. Property valued at more than \$5,000,000 has been destroyed and still the flames are sweeping onward, reaching out on either tantages over the aeroplane for reconnaisance. One of the agreements reached at
The Hague peace conferenc was that no
explosives can be dropped or projected

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ports of death, diseaser and suffering are
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list or fatalities is increasing steadily. Remanue with eare widening line. The long
with eare widen side in an ever widening line. The long those who escaped with their lives saved any of their belongings and the stores of food in towns which thus far have escaped destruction must be conserved carefully to

feed the hungry. Fernie, on Saturday a prosperous community of 3,500 inhabitants, today is a deserted heap of ruins. Coal Creek, which had a population of 1,500, is marked only by smoldering embers in a blackened smoking waste more than forty miles in area, while half a dozen smaller towns have been erased as completely as if they never existed. The railroad, the only means of communication left to the stricken country, now is seriously threatened. Many bridges already have been burned and the movement of trains, by which fire fighters refugees and provisions are transported from one point to another, is being carried

on with the greatest difficulty. Path of Fire Mile Wide. FERNIE, B. C., Aug. 3.-Amid the smokchecking up the missing and announcing plans to build a new and better town where the hot ashes of old Fernie lie today. A village of canvas-a village with many men, but few women and children-will be in

lines of the Canadian Pacific railway. In some places its path is but a mile wide, Someone sprinkled ashes on the apparently, until the rain falls and that has a dark lining. Colonel L. P. Sine | Michel, twenty miles from Fernie, is the was kidnapped by some of the king's sub- town in the greatest danger now, but as jecis, similar to Raisuli, who now and then the wind has fallen it has a good chance women and children have been taken from

The great wave of fire is still rolling

eastward through the forest, following the

to him to give up a large amount of nego- points. The men have stayed to fight for their homes. met with a stony stare and Colonel Sine | The town of Hosmer, between Fernie and was tickled to death with a yellow pea- Michel, was in great danger yesterday, some dwellings having been burned, but Governor Sheldon and General Cowin the main part of the town was saved and

urises. While the number of dead may not be definitely known for days, it is not believed to be so great as was at first feared. Up to 6 o'clock Sunday evening only four bodies had been found in the town, those victims having been smothered by the dense of colonels. Immediately following the din- smoke. Considering the fact that at times FARLEY CALLER AT VATICAN ner the distinguished party was taken it was possible for a man to outrun the to the Den, where an elaborate initiation fiames, it is believed the loss of life was remarkably small.

Such was the force of the flery tornade that one frame building seventy feet long was picked up, carried across several lots and dropped into the middle of the main street.

Loss Estimates at Winnipeg. WINNIPEG, Mars., Aug. 2.-The latest estimates of the dead in the Elk river district by bush fires, which have been raging from Michel to Fernie is 150 persons. The property loss is \$5,000,000 in Fernie and 6,009 persons of that city's inhabitants are homeless. The residents have been taken in MINE trains to place of safety and are now deatitute. Thousands of dollars have been sent by western Canada cities this morning to the relief of the destitute. Medical supplies are greatly needed. Fernie, with its lumber mills and railway terminals is wiped out. The fire is still raging around Hosmer and Sparwood, but Michel is safe, the wind bocker mine by an explosion of gas. Two dying out at midnight. If a gale springs up that city will again be in danger soon. Seventy men in the camps of the Elk River

company perished. The following places have been destroyed Fernie, with a population og 2,500; Coat Creek, with a population of 1,600; Michel,